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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Schecter et al. Examiner: Alex B. Toy  
Serial No. : 10/712,486 Group Art Unit: 3739  
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For : **COMPRESSIBLE JAW CONFIGURATION WITH BIPOLAR RF  
OUTPUT ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2006, please consider this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

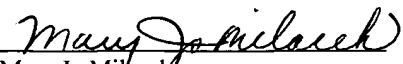
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